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## COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION

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MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT

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CHAIRMAN:

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State: Mr. L. A. Moyer, Jr.   
DIA:   
Army: Mr. J. C. St. Cyr

Navy: Cdr. H. W. Gamber   
Air Force: Col. C. E. Davison   
NSA:

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Office of the Chairman:   
Executive Secretary

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

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NPIC:   
NRO:

Security:

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SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP REPRESENTATION

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EXSUBCOM   
EXRAND:

DBWG:   
MCGWG:   
SDWG:

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ALTERNATES AND OBSERVERS PRESENT

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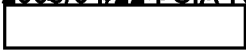
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Preliminary Report on Mission 1108-2

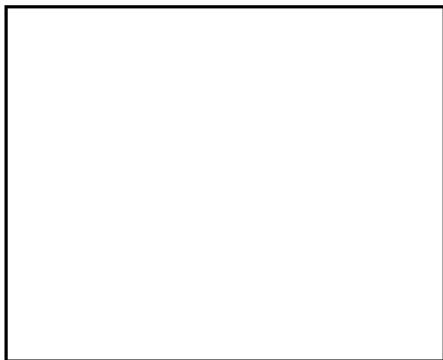
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Y-class SSBN

Sino-Soviet Border/Mongolia



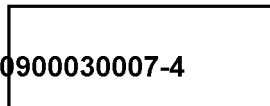
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Section I (Briefings)

Preliminary Report on Mission 1108-2

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1. [ ] reported that Mission 1108-2 included coverage on 47 operational passes in a high orbit ranging from 94 to 107 n.m. during the period 11 through 21 December 1969. Initial review of the coverage indicated that there was a large amount of fair-to-good KH-4B photography that was nearly 85 percent cloud-free. [ ] commented that the approximately 800 feet of color film had been looked at by the PI's and rated initially by them as being very low in interpretability and intelligence content.

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2. [ ] reported that Mission 1108-2 acquired coverage of portions of eight of the 24 ICBM complexes and of 18 of the 75 MR/IRBM complexes. One new SS-11 (Type III D) ICBM site was discovered. About one-third of the Trans-Siberian rail line was covered in clear photography; traffic levels appeared normal. There were no signs of preparations for a new nuclear test in coverage of Lop Nor.

3. A summary of the highlights presented by NPIC briefers and discussions during the briefings is covered in Tab A. Notes on discussion of the color film evaluation are in Section IV.

Section II (Approval of Minutes)

COMIREX-M-85

1. COMIREX-M-85, covering the meeting of 18 December 1969, were approved.

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COMIREX-M-84

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2. NPIC has requested that the following correction be made in COMIREX-M-84.

Page A-1, first paragraph. Last sentence should read:

"Some evidence pointing to the probable launch of another submarine at Severodvinsk may be observed on Mission 1108."

Section III (Operations)

Satellite Schedule

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1. The NRO Consultant reported the satellite operations schedule as shown at Tab B.

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The Chairman commented on the long intervals between launches and asked whether KH-4 Mission 1109 is on schedule for 18 February. [ ] reported that everything is going according to schedule as of now. In answer to [ ] question concerning employment of Ultra-thin Base film (UTB) for Mission 1109, [ ] replied that tests are being studied and that he does not know of any problems at this time that would preclude use of UTB on 1109.

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Report on Aircraft and Drone Activities

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2. The reports presented by the DIA Member, the Acting CIA Member, and the Chairman, ICRS, on aircraft and drone activities, coverage of special targets in the Far East, and satisfaction of the Cuba 56-day requirement are recorded in Tab C.

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#### Section IV (Action Items)

##### Coverage of Cuba

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1. [ ] In making his report on OLD HEAD missions, [ ] noted that the mission flown on 22 December acquired coverage of 48.3 percent of the island and the one on 4 January acquired coverage of 49.1 percent, for a net coverage of 86.3 percent. He felt that this performance spoke well for the Iris camera system and reflected excellent track planning on the part of the operators. He noted that this increased coverage capability must be taken into account in considering revision of the Cuba requirements.

2. The Chairman commented the important point to note here is that, even with the reduced number of missions during the holiday period, our level of coverage of the island is as good or better than at anytime in the past. He stressed again the urgent need for COMIREX to complete the review and update of Cuba requirements and make recommendations to USIB in the near future.

##### Report on Production and Scheduling of IPIR's on Cuba Coverage

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3. [ ] reported that, as requested at the last meeting (see COMIREX-M-85, Section IV, paragraph 4), he had looked into the matter of recent delays in disseminating first-phase readout reporting (Immediate Photo-Interpretation Reports/ IPIR's) on Cuba. The delays had been due to machine problems in handling the new world-wide IPIR format and temporary processing difficulties with film from the newly employed Iris II camera. Both have now been solved and NPIC expects to have the Cuba IPIR's out regularly within seven to eight days. [ ] indicated that this schedule was already in effect.

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4. [ ] noted that in the past CINCLANT had problems when IPIR's were running late since it is required to produce a supplemental first-phase readout report on OLD HEAD missions [ ]. The exploitation guidance to CINCLANT is to avoid duplicating NPIC's mission readout reporting and invest its time in extracting information on targets of command interest not covered by NPIC. To meet the [ ] deadline, CINCLANT needs the IPIR within a week or so of the mission. The Air Force member noted in this regard that, on penetration missions in the Far East, [ ] is tasked to turn out an IPIR [ ]. He queried whether it might be possible to relax or refine this requirement in some instances. [ ] indicated that EXSUBCOM is working on revision of [ ] first-phase exploitation tasking requirement. They will try to limit the [ ] readout requirement to only those specific targets on which there is a current need for urgent reporting.

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5. The DIA Member, noting the [ ] allowance for IPIR production on Cuba and the fact that OLD HEAD missions continue to be flown on an urgent basis, felt there was no reason for relaxing these readout requirements. It was recognized that Cuba coverage was somewhat of a special case since NPIC actually combines both first- and second-phase exploitation in its Cuba IPIR, providing in the seven-day time span a much more complete and thorough product. [ ] explained that NPIC has a limited number of interpreters available for work on OLD HEAD readout and many of these also have assignments on satellite photography. Some time ago NPIC had asked for guidance with regard to relative priorities in cases of overlap between aircraft and satellite mission exploitation. They had not received this so far and [ ] suggested this seemed an appropriate time to consider it. He

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pointed out that the regular NPIC cycle for OLD HEAD mission exploitation provides, in addition to the combined first- and second-phase IPIR readout, for an immediate preliminary scan and issuance of a special highlights report so that the community would know of any particularly significant findings well before the IPIR is published. [ ] reminded COMIREX that there is a clear-cut understanding in all components of NPIC that anything of special significance will be reported out as soon as discovered.

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6. The Committee confirmed that NPIC's current mission exploitation cycle and procedures designed to produce an IPIR [ ] of receipt of the film from an OLD HEAD mission and to report out items of special significance immediately are adequate to meet present needs. Although [ ] expressed a continuing need by NPIC for guidance on OLD HEAD exploitation requirements and priorities, the Chairman and others felt that the pending review and revision of the USIB collection requirements for Cuba must be completed before any more meaningful guidance can be developed with regard to exploitation.

#### Review of Exploitation of Color Film

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7. In response to the Chairman's query, [ ] reported there was no current plan for a coordinated community effort in evaluating the color film from KH-4 Mission 1108. Because of the expected limited information potential of color film on a KH-4 mission, EXSUBCOM felt that community assets should not be diverted at this time from the ongoing evaluation of [ ] [ ] It is planned to examine the utility of the exploitation information on [ ] and the way in which the reporting and evaluation was done. That effort will provide the basis for developing a standard procedure for community evaluation of [ ] and future missions.

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8. [ ] asked what kind of reproduction or duplicate film from Mission 1108 the interpreters had used in making their initial assessment that 1108's color film was very low in interpretability and intelligence content. [ ] replied that so far only a relatively small amount of film had been reviewed and all of it was second-generation copy.

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9. The Chairman inquired as to the feasibility of NPIC's reviewing and evaluating the color film from 1108 for COMIREX. [ ] explained this would depend on two other efforts going on in NPIC with regard to color--one in support of the NRO Color Panel and the other in answer to EXSUBCOM requirements. He hoped that NPIC would be able by next meeting to make a presentation on color. [ ] requested at least an informal report whenever possible on Mission 1108 color since this was the first CORONA mission on which the new SO-242 color film had been included. [ ] noted that the NRO would not request the inclusion of SO-242 color film for testing on the next CORONA mission, until a review of 1108 is available.

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10. [ ] reported on the status of the exploitation community's evaluation study on color film from [ ] Individual organizations are to complete their reports by 12 January and be prepared to brief EXSUBCOM on their findings at the 20 January meeting. [ ] expected these briefings would be presented to COMIREX at its 22 January meeting.

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Program for Planning Exploitation FY 1971-1975 (COMIREX-D-31.5/4)

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11. The Chairman noted that proposed revisions to the original text of COMIREX-D-31.5/4 as discussed at the last meeting had been distributed to members for their consideration. Discussion

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centered on the airborne reconnaissance section of the paper, particularly the program categories defined therein. The Chairman, EXSUBCOM, felt that such categorization was needed and recommended the terms "USIB-Tasked Project" and "USIB/JCS-Tasked Project" replace the category titles of "CIA-Associated Project" and "DoD-Associated Project" in the original draft. The DIA and service representatives considered these breakdowns useful and felt they were necessary to clearly identify the exploitation task responsibilities among the various PI components, particularly those in the field, for programming of resources. The CIA Representative felt the proposed categories and their definitions as given and applied in the draft document did not conform with the authoritative, official charters for these programs. Further, he believed it was neither feasible nor necessary to include this type of breakdown in this paper.

12. The Chairman recommended that those who have difficulty with the proposed category definition for airborne reconnaissance programs work with the Executive Secretary in developing an acceptable rephrasing for circulation to members and completion of action on this document. [ ] noted that the document before COMIREX at this time still does not really meet the requirement expressed in the National Tasking Plan. [ ] explained that it was not yet possible to develop meaningful five-year projections for the exploitation program because of the community's lack of experience in developing the needed cumulative statistical data. He believed that, with the experience gained in this year's exercise and improved data collection, some useful projections could be developed in the next drafting cycle for the five-year exploitation planning document due next fall.

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COMIREX Resource Information Report

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14. [redacted] reminded members that their comments on the utility, content, and format of the Quarterly Resource Information Report are due to [redacted] by 13 January and that this will be a subject for discussion at the next COMIREX meeting.

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Revised Statement of Requirements for KH-4

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15. The Chairman reminded COMIREX members that there is action pending to convert the six-month and 12-month area coverage requirements defined in the [redacted] amplification paper (COMIREX-D-15.2/14) into what will be essentially a new area coverage requirement statement for CORONA targeting.

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Section V (Other Business)

Announcement of New Chairman, EXRAND

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1. [redacted] noted that [redacted] will be retiring from the Air Force at the end of January and that [redacted] has been designated to replace him. [redacted] will be reporting for duty with NPIC in mid-February.

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Section VI (Subcommittee and Working Group Reports)

Mapping, Charting, and Geodesy Working Group

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1. [ ] commented that members of ICRS and the MCGWG are meeting tomorrow, 9 January, at the U.S. Army Topographic Command to review the coverage of Mission 1108 in meeting MC&G requirements outside the Sino-Soviet area.

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NPIC Briefing

Aktyubinsk IRBM Complex

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1. [ ] reported on new construction activity at the Aktyubinsk IRBM complex. [ ]

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[ ] Three additional rail spurs and construction of five wood frame buildings were now observed on [ ]. In addition, [ ] shows an area of unidentified ground scarring activity by bulldozers about five miles east-southeast of the site and another area of construction activity where ten probable single-story wood frame barracks-type buildings are going up. All of this activity is [ ] and most of it since [ ] stated the area is being watched

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2. In answer to a question from [ ] confirmed that the IRBM/MRBM area at Pervomaysk had not been covered on [ ]

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Y-class Ballistic Missile Submarine (SSBN)

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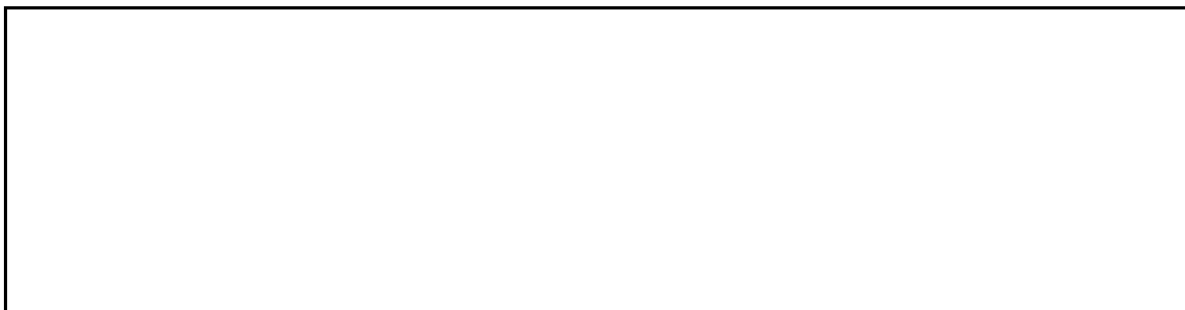
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1. [ ] reported that what is believed to have been the first Y-class ballistic missile submarine launched from the Komsomolsk Shipyard was observed at the Petrovka fitting-out area on [ ] It had not been seen on photography [ ] when it was present at Komsomolsk. The vessel was not at Petrovka when the area was covered [ ] indicating that it was out on sea trials.

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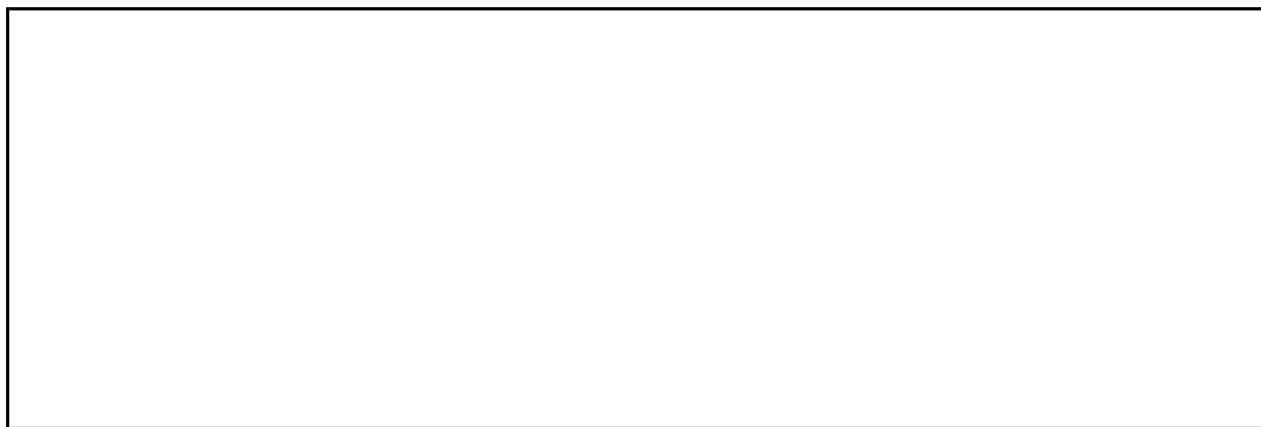
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### Sino-Soviet Border/Mongolia

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1. [redacted] reported a new division-size area under construction in Mongolia at Sumber Suma, about 130 n.m. southeast of Ulan Bator. The last clear coverage of this area was [redacted] and at that time there was no activity in this area. Since then 70 buildings have been constructed and foundations for 100 more buildings have been laid.

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2. Nalayi, Mongolia, 26 n.m. south of Ulan Bator, which also showed no activity when covered [redacted] was photographed by [redacted]. Although partially cloud-covered at that time, it was possible to detect construction of a few buildings and some preliminary ground scarring. [redacted] photography revealed a good-size regimental barracks nearing completion; a large POL tank storage facility; and large general storage areas under construction. A rail spur is being constructed off the Mongolian rail line to support this area.

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### New SS-13 Starts Identified [redacted]

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1. In answer to a question raised by [redacted] as to whether any new SS-13 ICBM sites were identified in the second bucket of [redacted] [redacted] checked and replied in the negative. He reported, however, that there were 11 SS-13 sites picked up at the Yoshkar-Ola Complex on the first bucket of this mission. Six of these were in a new group and five were in groups that had been identified previously.

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Report on Aircraft and Drone Activities

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BUMPY ACTION (19 December 1969 - 8 January 1970)

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Area/Targets</u>	<u>Results</u>
		Kien An Afld, Haiphong Nav Base, Haiphong Port Fac, Hon Gai NVB Shpyd, Hon Gai Port Fac, Cam Pha Port	Lost
		Vinh Afld, Vinh TSP, Segs Rte 8, 82	MARS
		Quang Lang Afld, Vinh Son Complex	MARS
		Bai Thuong Afld, Thanh Hoa Army Bks	MARS
		Na San Afld, Yen Bai Complx Yen Bai Afld, Lai Chau Complx Dien Bien Phu Afld	Lost on recovery
		Thanh Hoa Army Bks, Bai Thuong Afld, Phu Qui Str, Lang Bet Str Area, Hai Yen Cstl TSP, Ben Thuy TSP, Vinh Cave Str	MARS
		Haiphong Port Fac, Cat Bi Afld	MARS

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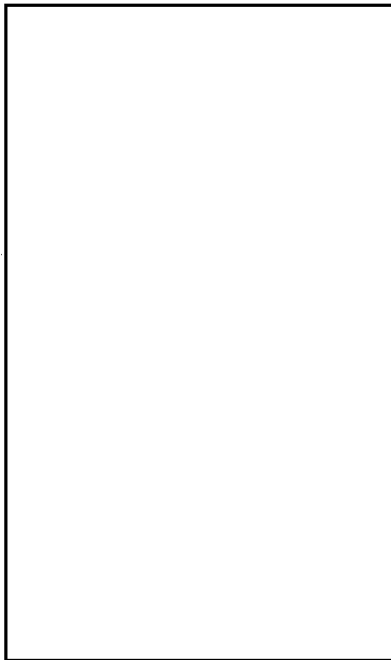


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Thanh Hoa Army Bks, Bai Thuong Afld, Phu Qui Str, Lang Bet Str Area, Hai Yen Cstl TSP, Ben Thuy TSP, Vinh Cave Str	MARS
Kien An Afld, Haiphong Nav Base, Haiphong Port Fac, Hon Gai NVB Shpyd, Hon Gai Port Fac, Cam Pha Port	MARS
Vinh Song TSP, Vinh Afld	Lost
Kep RR Yd, Kep Afld, Yen Vien RR Yd, Gia Lam Afld, Hanoi Port Fac	Lost on recovery
Port Wallut, Tien Yen, Cam Pha, Ha Tou, Hon Gai	Recovered from water
WW19A, Bai Thuong Afld	MARS

Successful	9
Lost	4

FOOD FAIR (19 December 1969 - 8 January 1970)

No FOOD FAIR activity was scheduled during the period 19 December 1969 - 8 January 1970.

IDEALIST/TACKLE (19 December 1969 - 8 January 1970)

There was not any IDEALIST/TACKLE activity reported during the period 19 December 1969 - 8 January 1970.

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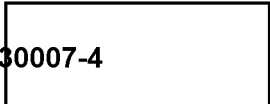


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GIANT SCALE (19 December 1969 - 8 January 1970)

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Area/Targets</u>	<u>Results</u>
		Hon Gai, Haiphong, Cat Bi Afl'd Kien An Afl'd, Lang Son, Dong Dang, Lao Cai	Fair
		Hoa Lac, Viet Tri, Xom Ap Lo Lao Cai Tuyen Quang, Vinh Yen Thanh Hoa, Chuc Son Hwy 1A, RR4, 7, Yen Bai, Viet Tri	Fair
		Cam Pha, Hon Gai, Ha Tou, Kep Tuyen Quang, Yen Bai, Lai Chau, RR 2, 9, 5, 1	Fair

Coverage of Special Targets in South China and North Vietnam

The Chairman, ICRS, reported as follows on coverage of special targets in South China and North Vietnam:

a. Surveillance coverage was reported on two priority Lines of Communication(LOC) targets pertinent to the introduction of Chinese forces into North Vietnam (see COMOR-D-25/207, 4 March 1966) during the period 18 December 1969 - 7 January 1970. The number of LOC priority targets in South China and North Vietnam remains at 331. The two specific targets on which surveillance coverage was reported are listed below:

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<u>COMIREX No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Most Recent Previous Coverage</u>
	China	Hsing Ning AF	
	China	Huang Pu Army Supply Depot	

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b. Coverage of North Vietnam to detect the possible introduction or deployment of offensive missile systems (see COMOR-D-25/200, 23 May 1967, and COMIREX-D-25.3/2, 20 November 1967) is shown on the grid maps (pages C-6, C-7, and C-8) for the following time periods:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Missions Not Reported</u>
11 Dec 69 - 17 Dec 69	1
18 Dec 69 - 24 Dec 69	3
25 Dec 69 - 1 Jan 70	0

## CUBA

OLD HEAD (19 December 1969 - 8 January 1970)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Results</u>
22 Dec	G110	Successful, 48.3% coverage
4 Jan	G111	Successful, 49.1% coverage

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
22 Dec	G110	48.3%	48.3%
4 Jan	G111	49.1%	86.3%

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### High-Altitude Coverage of Cuba

The status of high-altitude coverage of Cuba on a sliding scale for the 56-day periods shown below is as follows:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Area Coverage</u>	<u>Target Coverage</u>	<u>Number of Missions Flown</u>	<u>Number of Missions Exploited</u>	
				<u>Area</u>	<u>Targets</u>
30 Oct 69 - 24 Dec 69	97.4%	166 of 178	8	8	8
6 Nov 69 - 31 Dec 69	97.4%	162 of 178	7	7	7
13 Nov 69 - 7 Jan 70	98.9%	161 of 178	7	7	6

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[ ] noted that the 98.9 percent coverage for the period 13 November 1969 - 7 January 1970 is the highest percent he can remember.

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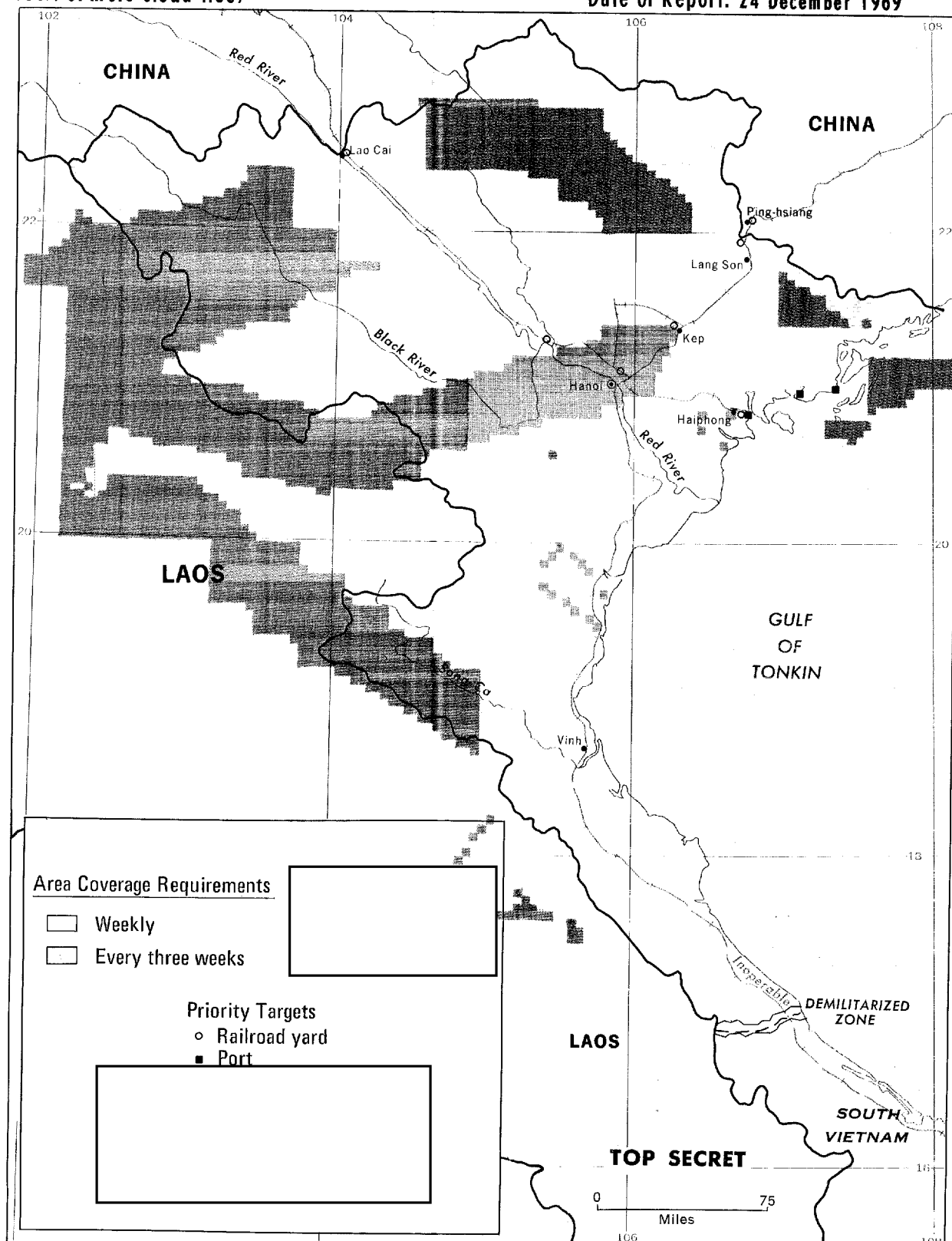
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# High Resolution Coverage of North Vietnam

(80% or more cloud-free)

Date of Report: 24 December 1969



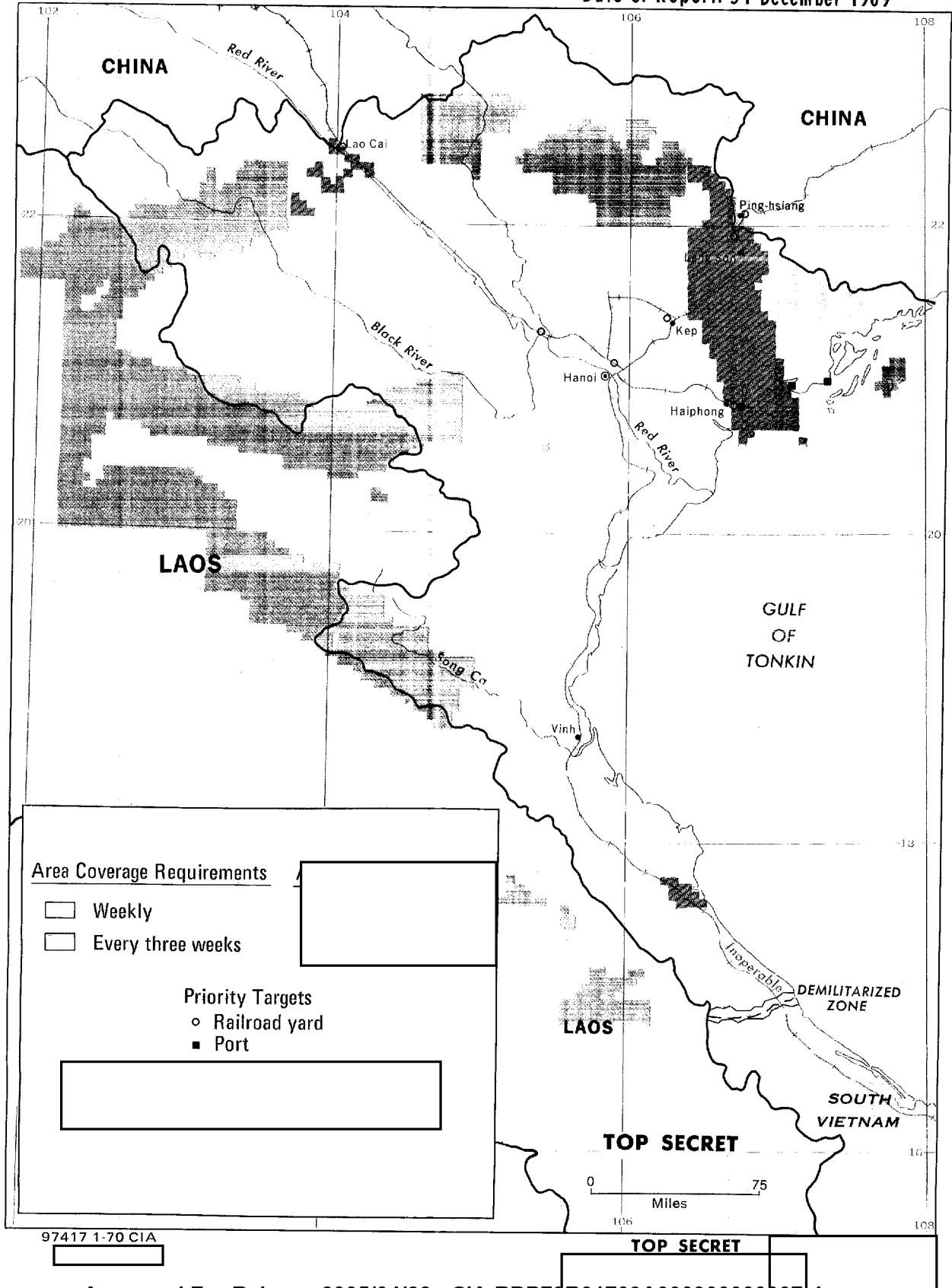
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# High Resolution Coverage of North Vietnam

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# High Resolution Coverage of North Vietnam

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